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From left: Brett McKee, Paul Hinsperger and Wes Reinhardt flood the ice on their 30X60-foot backyard ice rink. (Photo by Lisa Wilhelm)

Skating away winter's blahs

By Lisa Wilhelm

Five Conestoga College students from small towns in Bruce County have decided to bring a little bit of country to the city by making a 30x60-foot skating rink in their backyard.

Brett McKee and Paul Hinsperger, third-year civil engineering students, Wes Reinhardt, a second-year mechanical engineering student, Eric Millen, a first-year mechanical engineering student and Joel Poechman, who is picking up some business courses at night school to earn his general business diploma, decided to build the rink two weeks ago.

"Hockey is part of our past and it was a challenge, coming from a small town, to see if we could do it," said McKee. "We've always built rinks with our families since we were kids

and it brought back old memories."

It took a week to build the rink and all four said it was a little harder to build the rink in Kitchener than back home because they didn't have the proper tools.

"We started by packing it down with our own feet," said McKee. "We had to improvise because back home we used tractors and snowblowers."

Reinhardt said after they packed the snow, they put a light sprinkle of water on it and let it harden.

"After we packed it down one more time after that, we started flooding it," Reinhardt said. "We flooded it 15 times one day because it was really cold and that's when it's best to do it. You shouldn't flood it when it's sunny out because it will melt."

"We've put endless hours into it," said McKee. "We had a couple of late nights and some pretty early mornings."

Hinsperger also said some days were pretty long. "I was up one morning at 6:30 a.m. because that's the best time because it always gets colder when it turns daylight."

Other than improper tools, the only problem they encountered was snowy days when they couldn't flood the rink, which will definitely be used for hockey.

"We already have a game of four-on-four set up with our neighbours," said McKee.

Despite the long hours and hard work, they all agreed it was worth it.

"It'll all be worthwhile in the end when we're out on the ice every night enjoying our masterpiece," said Poechman.

Students get chance to rate school

By Jaime Clark

From Feb. 1 to 5, full-time Conestoga College students are going to get a chance to rate their school by participating in a student satisfaction survey, which is part of the data collection for defining Key Performance Indicators (KPI) which measure college performance. Some components of the KPI's will be used to determine a portion of government funding to colleges next year.

KPI is a method of measuring how well Ontario colleges meet the needs of students and the marketplace. In the fall of 1997, the Ministry of Education and Training (MET), along with Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology, worked together to define five KPI's to measure college performance.

The KPI's include student satisfaction,

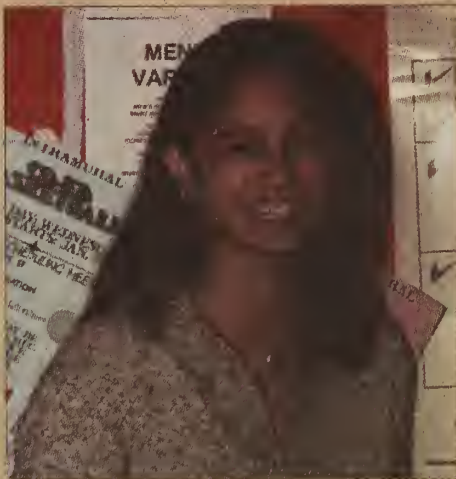
graduate employment, graduate satisfaction, employer satisfaction and graduation rate.

The survey Conestoga students will be completing consists of a series of standard questions and up to five college-specific questions, which are questions directly related to Conestoga College.

The objectives of the survey are to identify the proportion of students who are satisfied with their school with respect to resources, staff, learning experiences and several other areas.

A committee set up at Conestoga chose the five college-specific questions on the survey. "We wanted to ask questions about things we can do something about," said Jack Fletcher, director of student and recreation services. He did not sit on the committee, but was designated the contact person at the college.

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Tara Llanes, DSA education coordinator, is concerned about KPI results affecting funding allocation to Ontario colleges.

(Photo by Jaime Clark)

Another great Canadian winter



Peter Higgins, lead hand on grounds, operates a snowplow. (Photo by Linda Wright)

By Linda Wright

"We'll just have to wait and see what Mother Nature brings," Barry Milner, head of physical resources, was quoted as saying in the Jan. 4 edition of Spoke. Since that article, Mother Nature has delivered the worst snowstorm in 16 years.

Snowplows have been going non-stop, 24 hours a day since midnight Saturday, Jan. 2.

"We cannot do any better," said Milner.

It's taken a lot of work to clear the snow. For the first time in eight years, crews have had to truck snow to snow dumps. While Conestoga campuses have their own snow removal crews, they also contract out the excess work. Last year, contractors used one or two people but this year, they have been using five or six.

The contractors are going around the clock, and Milner said he can't ask for more.

Milner said contractors, college staff, housekeeping and security staff deserve a lot of credit for their efforts.

They have been working long, hard hours clearing snow to make roadways, walkways and pathways passable for students and staff.

The biggest concern for Milner is that the college conducts classes throughout the day and evening at the Doon campus which limits the time snow removal crews can clear snow.

"We don't want our clients running into the snow-clearing equipment, and we don't want snow-clearing equipment

running into our clients."

Another concern with the cleanup operation is the neighbourhood kids who tunnel into the large snow piles, said Milner.

When the snow crews clear snow on the weekends, there is the danger that children will be tunnelling from the other side and the plow operators may not see them. The plow operators have to exercise extreme caution, said Milner.

Al Hunter, supervisor of security services, said some people have been impatient because they cannot park where they want to park because the lots are full. The biggest complaints have been from students whose cars have been blocked in by other cars which prevents them from leaving until someone moves one of the cars blocking them.

There have also been problems finding a place to park because people have taken too much space because they can't see the lines that designate parking spaces and because snow was blocking some of the spaces.

Exercising judgement could alleviate a lot of these problems, said Hunter.

Hunter also cautions people to be aware of the dangers at intersections and pedestrian crossovers. People coming out of bush trails and other areas may not be readily visible until they are almost in front of the car.

"Steel is pretty unforgiving when it comes in contact with a person and we've been very fortunate to date and we'd like to keep it that way," said Hunter.

When the driving and parking conditions are not up to par, car pooling or public transit are alternatives to driving a car to school, said Hunter.

"It will give us a little buffer," he said.

New finance system

By Lisa Wilhelm

Conestoga College has started using new financial software that will eventually be used by all colleges in the province.

The Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) is a new financial system made for colleges that includes general ledgers, accounts payable, purchase orders and accounts receivable components, according to Donna Akerlund, manager of the college's accounting.

Although only five or six colleges are using it right now, by the end of April, 12 out of 25 colleges will be using this new system.

It is not a mandatory change, but Akerlund said it is a package that is modified for colleges so that everyone will eventually use the same format.

Before this new system, was introduced, the college was using a program written at Conestoga in the 1970s. Akerlund said the program was very old and there was not much that could be done with it anymore.

She said one of the advantages of this new program is the reporting.

"We get in a lot of paper reports and this new system should help us get them out faster and on line," said Akerlund. Processing wise, she said, it will probably be the same as the old system.

Although it's only the first year the program has been implemented, Akerlund said the colleges that are using the program now haven't had any major problems.

"It's kind of early to tell in the first year because we're still learning about it, but so far, there haven't seemed to be any problems," she said.

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Construction continues on the new technology building despite freezing temperatures. Photo by Carly Benjamin



Ricardo Warth from Brazil puts a little Samba in his bowling style.
(Photo by Neven Mujezinovic)

Striking success

Visa students hit the lanes

By Neven Mujezinovic

A group of 13 Conestoga College international students and three international education office staff members hit the bowling lanes on Jan. 7 at the Brunswick Frederick Lanes of the Frederick Street Mall in Kitchener. The event was organized by the office as a part of a welcome week for all visa students.

The atmosphere was one of camaraderie as loud cheers and applause could be heard after every strike. Even though the games were quite competitive, the real purpose of this event was to provide an opportunity for the students to enjoy themselves and have fun.

One of the students, Jong-Hwan Lee, from South Korea said he enjoyed himself. The English and broadcasting student had returned to Canada two days prior, after a two-week Christmas vacation in his homeland. He said he looks forward to all activities organized by the International Education Office, because the students always have a good time.

After the bowling matches, the students enjoyed pop and pizza and then played a game in which they matched flags to the proper countries. The 24 flags represented the 24 countries which currently have students enrolled at Conestoga. The flags

of some countries, such as Guyana, Laos or Caymen Islands really stumped the students and the game ended in a draw as neither team was able to match all the flags to their respective countries.

Larry Rechsteiner, director of college planning and international education, was one of the co-ordinators of the event. He says events such as this one are organized so the students can meet their counterparts and socialize.

"We organize these activities so the students have a chance to participate in some social activities, especially those who don't go out much," says Rechsteiner.

The international education office is indeed a home away from home for many of the international students, says Rechsteiner.

The office tries to assist the students in any way it can, sometimes just by talking to them about their concerns, says Rechsteiner. The office usually organizes two to three events a month for its students. Skiing or ice skating, depending on the students' interest, is being planned.

A co-ed volleyball team is also being organized by the international students for competition in the college's intramural volleyball league.

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Survey results could be beneficial

"This is important for the students. It can mean improvements to the college," he said.

The graduate employment, graduate satisfaction and employer satisfaction components of the Key Performance Indicators will be used to allocate a portion of the ministry's funding to colleges beginning in 2000-01, according to a memo sent to Conestoga by Martin Hicks, manager of the ministry's finance unit. A maximum two per cent funding adjustment to operating grants could be made to reward performance.

KPI funding adjustments will be phased in over three years beginning in 2000-01. When phased in, each KPI will impact up to two per cent of the general purpose operating grant, according to a report prepared by the colleges branch of MET.

Funding is a major area of concern for Fletcher and Tara Llanes, Doon Student Association education co-ordinator.

"It's (the survey) really important to the college, ultimately because of the funding. If you're not doing well, will they take money away? If you take the funding away, you're going to do worse," said Fletcher.

Llanes expressed similar concerns. "The main concern that the student government has is the funding. We don't want to see the schools that score low get money taken away. We'd like to

see that they could earn the money at a later time," she said.

Llanes said she is also worried about the fact that no new money is coming into the system to implement the survey. People are being hired to tabulate results, for example. "Where's the money coming from?" she asked.

The results of the student satisfaction survey will assist both Conestoga College and the ministry in their mutual goals of accountability, according to a memo Conestoga president John Tibbitts sent to college faculty.

The posters advertising KPI's say students will have direct input into enhancing program quality. "I want to create a positive attitude towards this. It has an impact on the college, so take it seriously, students," advised Fletcher.

Llanes also encourages students to take the survey seriously. "This is something everybody should be concerned about. If you're a grad, it doesn't mean you're going to be finished with the education system forever."

Administration of the student satisfaction surveys will be done by volunteers from college administration, support staff, faculty and students. Fletcher suggested that any faculty member, who does volunteer, should not survey a class he/she teaches.

An attempt has been made to try to have the surveys scheduled during two-hour classes. The

surveys take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

The DSA will be responsible for ensuring that the distribution, completion and collection of the surveys are done according to protocol.

Students enrolled in the January 1999 semester as their first semester and part-time students who are not pursuing a certificate or diploma will not participate in the survey.

This is the first year KPI's have been initiated in the college system. Similar surveys will be conducted on a yearly basis.

Overall, Fletcher said he thinks Conestoga will succeed in the ratings. "I think we'll come out well compared to other colleges, but that isn't to say there isn't room for improvement."



Jack Fletcher, director of student and recreation services, says the student satisfaction survey could mean improvements to the college.

Photo by Jaime Clark

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Winter driving another fine art

Flakes flutter down gently from the sky as white particles land on my eyelashes and speckle my black jacket.



Elizabeth Sackrider

It is such a glorious winter wonderland.

Until I realize these aren't nice little snowflakes, but an all out blizzard from hell. The worst blizzard Ontario has witnessed in 16 years.

This is the first time I have driven a car in the winter. Have you ever tried to drive a Dodge Shadow with bald tires in the snow? It is not the most desirable vehicle of choice for winter driving.

Unfortunately, I learned how to maneuver in the snow the hard way.

The goal was to get to the grocery store and back with my body and my car in their original states.

Before I can even think about going anywhere I have to dig my car out from under three feet of snow. It is a tough job when you lack the necessities to clear off your car, like a brush.

So, without this basic tool, I look around to see what to use to free my vehicle from the clutches of Old Man Winter. Having just cleaned out my teeny green

Shadow, the back seats were empty. Opening the trunk, I find an old iron shovel circa 1920 and a half-empty jug of monkey juice.

Anyone who knows me well knows the car is always packed with stuff. Well, I guess the mitts have to do the dirty work.

I take one last glance at my mammoth gray mittens and start hauling the white powder off my windshield. Finally inside the car I lay the soggy mittens on the passenger seat. They had fought a brave battle.

Shivering, my breath fogs up the windshield and I crank the defrost. Preparing to shift into drive, headlines fight their way into my mind. "Couple killed in icy collision." "Four teens injured as car slides into traffic." Okay, Elizabeth, you can do this.

My car slips forward through the curves of the Rodeway Suites parking lot. Making it to the stoplights on Homer Watson Drive, my car stops easily.

A flash of green signals the way to go, and I floor the gas as usual.

Now, let's take a look at what I just did. I pounced on the gas pedal, a bad, bad habit for a road filled with snow, slush and ice.

Now, if you happened to be anywhere near this intersection, you would have seen a little green car doing a complete circle in the middle of a four-lane highway.

Lesson one of winter driving:

never stomp on the gas pedal. I imagine other motorists were fairly amused by my display of ignorance about winter driving.

The light is now red and the Shadow is still in the centre of the

intersection. Pulling a few fishtails, I ease into my lane with angry honks from the irate vehicle behind me.

My pulse rate is up and my hands are shaking. Top speed going down

Homer Watson Drive is 30 km-h. Drivers with their flashy 4X4s whiz past my sedan. I feel like a wienie, but at least I'm safe. I need to get the hang of this winter-driving jazz.



Can you see the difference?

College classes cozier than those at university

Last week I attended a lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University to discover the differences between college and university classes.



Carly Benjamin

I participated in a religion and culture class which considered evil and its symbols.

The first thing that struck me was the size of the class; it was an ocean of students! There were

close to 1,500 learners waiting with bated breath for Prof. Peter C. Erb to begin his lecture.

As he spoke, I listened eagerly hoping he would eventually work his way around to some sort of point. Instead, he rambled on about the subtleties of evil. He pointed out what is up may be down and questioned the validity of a fact.

'Looking around the auditorium I was anxious to see if anyone else was following what had now turned into a lesson in philosophy. Sadly, no one seemed interested in the

professor's wisdom.

The girl who sat next to me was busy making an origami bird out of her gum wrapper and was amusing herself by making it fly from her notebook to her bookbag.

The man who sat ahead of me was cartooning his surroundings in his notebook. A mature student who sat across the aisle had brought a manicure set and was painting her nails a gaudy shade of orange.

I assured myself these types of activities would not go unnoticed in a college classroom due to the

small class size.

In a college setting it would be impossible for a student to simply blend into the background as is possible in university.

A question could be sprung at you at any moment and if you were busy with an origami bird, I doubt whether you would be able to answer the teacher with some degree of intelligence.

In college you are required to be present not only in body but also in mind. Attendance is monitored, and in most cases, marks are awarded for class participation.

Hands-on activities allow

students to gain the practical skills employers require.

Based on the lecture I attended at Laurier I perceived the lesson to be vague, compared to my college classes which normally cover specific information but leave less room for independent thought.

A personal relationship can be developed between a student and teacher in college, and there is room for individual attention.

The intimate setting of a college class makes it virtually impossible to do your nails or make origami animals during a lesson.

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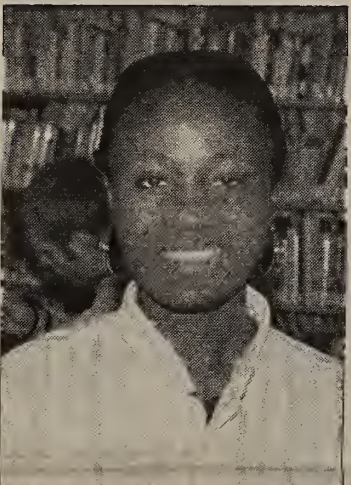
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Kitchener Transit strike?

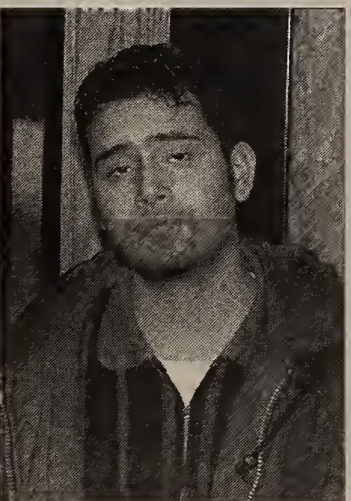
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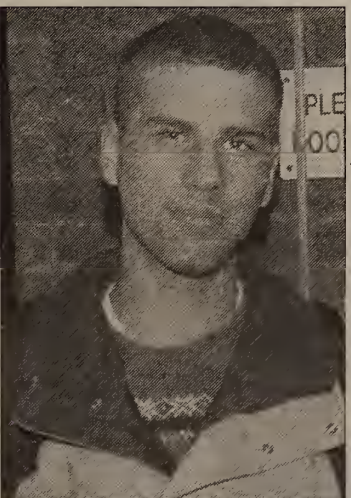
Francois Phaboriboun, first-year materials management student.



Atsupe Numekevor, a second-year accounting student.



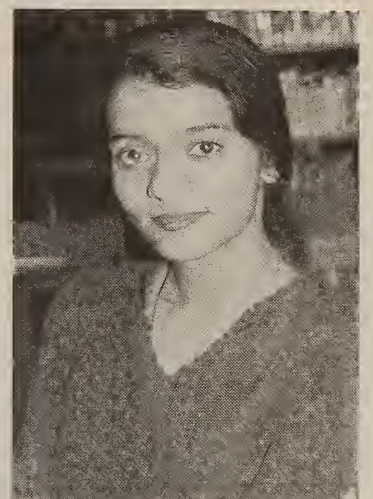
Ruben Guevara, first-year computer program analyst student.



Chad Hagan, first-year mechanical engineering student.



Conestoga College students board a Kitchener Transit bus outside Door 3 on Jan. 9.



Aarti Sharma, first-year materials management student.

By Jacqueline Smith

Students at Conestoga College who depend on Kitchener Transit as a means of getting to and from school are deciding whether or not to buy a four-month bus pass because the transit drivers may go on strike.

JoAnn Woodhall, transportation planner with Kitchener Transit, said 441 Conestoga College students bought the four-month passes last semester.

On Jan. 7, 30 students were asked in an impromptu survey how they would get to and from college if there is a transit strike.

Most of the students surveyed said they are hesitating to spend \$169 for the four-month pass that provides access to buses throughout a semester. More than 95 per cent said they are worried that their attendance will be affected.

First-year mechanical engineering student Chad Hagan said he does not know how he would get to school. "I'd be in a lot of trouble," he said, adding that Kitchener Transit should give the drivers what they want so students can get to school.

"I don't have a car, so if the drivers go on strike I will be missing college," said Aarti Sharma, a first-year materials management student.

Steve Wood, a paramedic student, said from a public relations stand point, the drivers won't gain any public support.

"Before they get in this

mess, they should look at the public's perception."

Second-year accounting student Atsupe Numekevor was not aware there might be a strike when she bought her four-month pass.

"If the drivers decide to walk off the job, students who already bought their passes should get that money back," said Numekevor, adding that she should be refunded her tuition fee should she miss classes because of the strike.

Ruben Guevara, a first-year computer program analyst, said while his dad will be able to give him a ride to and from school, it will be difficult since he may not be able to get a ride every day.

"I don't think the drivers should strike because the bus is my only alternative," first-year journalism student Luke Jeffery said. He added that he cannot afford to pay taxi fare every day.

Dijana Barukcic, an electronics engineering student, said she hopes the drivers won't go on strike.

"I won't come to school if they do, because I cannot afford taxi fares," said the second-year student.

First-year materials management student Francois Phaboriboun, doesn't like the idea of a strike, especially in the winter.

"I do drive, but I am scared to drive on the ice, so I take the bus to and from college now," Phaboriboun said.

Jody Bishop, an electrical engineering technician student, said he doesn't think the drivers

should strike, but is sure he can find someone in his class to give him a ride.

Paramedic student Chris Ball said catastrophe is how she would describe a Kitchener Transit strike.

"The bus is my primary means of transportation, and a strike would affect me in every aspect so I hope it doesn't come to that," said Ball. The drivers

should get the public more involved so they can get support, she said.

Ball also said the drivers should not knowingly disrupt the passengers' lives in order to pressure management.

"They are biting the hands that feed them," the paramedic student said. "We pay their wages."

"I have friends who can drive me some days should the buses strike," said second-year electrical engineering student, Kljiljana Ljajic. "The other days I will stay home."

Photos by
Jacqueline Smith

ISO 9001 TRIVIA CONTEST

Answer these ISO knowledge testing questions. Place your completed entry in the ISO boxes in the cafeteria (all campuses), the Sanctuary (Doon), the staff lunch rooms or mailrooms (all campuses) by Monday, January 25th. Be sure to include your name, campus and phone number.

Be at your "home" campus ISO celebration on January 28th for the draw for prizes.

1. What is the origin of the term "ISO"? _____
2. How many elements are there in the ISO 9001 Standards? _____
3. Who is the ISO Co-ordinator at Conestoga College? _____
4. Which level of ISO registration is Conestoga College pursuing? _____
5. Name one benefit of ISO registration. _____

Hint: For answers, check your ISO newsletter, ask a Steering Committee member or read Spoke!

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"They are biting the hands that feed them. We pay their wages."

paramedic student Chris Ball

Puppy Prozac

Medicating dogs newest trend

By Julie van Donkersgoed

There is no longer a need to feel guilty about abandoning your dog for the day to attend class. There is now a version of Prozac suitable for your lonely pooch.

Earlier this week, the American Food and Drug Administration approved Clomicalm, a behavioural modification drug for dogs.

Clomicalm tablets are to be used as part of a behavioural management program to alleviate separation anxiety symptoms in dogs. Some of those symptoms include barking, destructive behaviour and inappropriate urination and defecation. Although approved in the United States, Clomicalm has yet to be approved in Canada.

Reaction to the drug is mixed.



"Woody" does not suffer from depression or separation anxiety.

(Photo by Julie van Donkersgoed)

While some are open to the validity of the drug, others are quick to mention dangers that mirror those experienced with Prozac use in humans, such as dependency and overprescription.

Barb Kraler, a counsellor with

student services at Conestoga College, remains open to the concept of a separation anxiety drug for dogs.

"Maybe if it works. Dogs already have their own foods and cemeteries," she said. "I guess it

really depends on how far you want to take the dog as part of your family."

Kraler went on to suggest the potential of Clomicalm for her own dog, a collie.

"It sounds so crazy. Is the whole world going to end up on Prozac to help us cope with things?" she said. "On the other hand, as the owner of a stressed-out dog that seems to suffer from separation anxiety, maybe I should keep an open mind on this."

Dick Parker, a member of the social services faculty at Conestoga College, was quick to express concern over the increasing status of animals in society.

"We seem to value animals more than our own children," said Parker. "I think we really need to get our priorities back in order."

While acknowledging a humorous side to the new drug, Parker expressed concerns surrounding the dangers of using medication to treat depression in both humans and dogs.

"There's something quite comical about this, but there's something quite frightening about this as well," he said. "I just can't imagine using similar treatments on animals as you would use on people for purposes of alleviating depression."

Parker pointed to the trend of using medication to treat behavioural disorders in any animal — human or canine.

"This new development is representative of our world," he said. "In our society, we have a tendency to medicate rather than seek out a long-term, more effective treatment."

Students unaware of clinic on campus

By Jeanette Everall

It's not new, but nine out of 10 people surveyed were not aware that Doon's on-campus medical clinic offers the same services as any other walk-in clinic. Services range from blood tests and flu shots to physicals.

"Anything that a clinic does, we basically do," says the clinic's nurse Trish Weiler.

"I am surprised at the lack of awareness (about the clinic)," says Weiler, who has worked at the clinic for two years. Most often students learn about the clinic and its services through word of mouth, she says.

The clinic has two female doctors who are available for two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Both doctors work at other clinics in the region.

Dr. A. Mingiardi attends the clinic on Mondays between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and on Thursdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesdays Dr. J. Wang is available between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

"We book appointments, but if someone walks in and we have a time available we will see them," says Weiler.

The clinic, open to all Conestoga College students, is located near Door 3 in the health and safety office and is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students should bring their health card and student card with them when visiting the clinic.

Services available at the clinic include treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy tests, medical assessments, urgent care and injections.

Winter makes friends and enemies

By Wayne Collins

It's not the season to be so jolly anymore, for some people. Those who wanted Christmas snow got it and more.

Those who wished eternal life to the freakish spring days of November were buried in as much as 40 centimetres of snow on Jan. 4.

Southern and central Ontario were nailed by one of the worst storms in 30 years. Ontario's snowplowing costs were reported in the millions of dollars. Toronto spent \$5 million, which is one-quarter of its annual budget. Municipal politicians became punching bags for the irate, defending the expenditures while facing criticism over slow progress.

Seven souls were swept away in the storm's aftermath. Shovelling was blamed for the deaths of at least three people and ambulance crews were sent to help 15 people who complained of chest or back

pain. Although two runways were open at Pearson Airport thousands of travellers were stranded as major airlines cancelled flights.

Winter spread its icy cheer beyond Ontario, however. Four people were killed in the American state of Virginia on the icy Interstate 81.

"I think Old Man Winter can just go away now," one woman was quoted as saying in The Record on Jan. 4.

Old Man Winter had already made more enemies than friends this year with the death of Michel Trudeau in British Columbia.

Residents of Kangiqsualujuaq, Que., recently mourned the four adults and five children killed in a New Year's Eve avalanche. Blizzard conditions even delayed the funeral service four days later.

Winter's plans, however, are often treacherous and unpredictable. Kitchener and Cambridge residents proved warnings and notice are like using rubber knives against the harsh

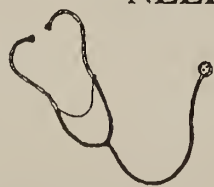
reality of the snowy beast. The annual Farmer's Almanac predicted a hard winter and the people of Waterloo Region have seen the truth of this statement this past week.

Not everyone, however, blunders about in wet shoes through snowbanks, shivering and searching vainly for city sidewalks. Some take to the hills with wild abandon as they yahoo their way down the slopes of ski resorts like Chicopee.

The mess of snow remaining at Conestoga College's parking lots is clear evidence of the wild and swiftly executed power of winter. Cleanup is ongoing and will pause only when the skies clear. They will clear as sure as spring will come, and those who want forever summers will pray just as hard as farmers praying for rain in a drought.

Meanwhile, winter is in its proper place and time, and those who cannot learn to love or like the season will learn some new respect for it by spring.

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Getting published is author's goal

Graduate chronicles local hockey

By Rob Himburg

A journalism graduate from Conestoga College has written a book and is attempting to get it published.

Gary Wiebe, a 50-year-old divorced father of two, graduated from Conestoga's print journalism program in 1994.

Through his book he is trying to bring to light the events of local hockey from as early as 1893 by telling the tales and chronologically putting together the events in his work entitled Hockey in Berlin Ontario.

He has a prominent family background in local hockey, which extends back to his grandfather.

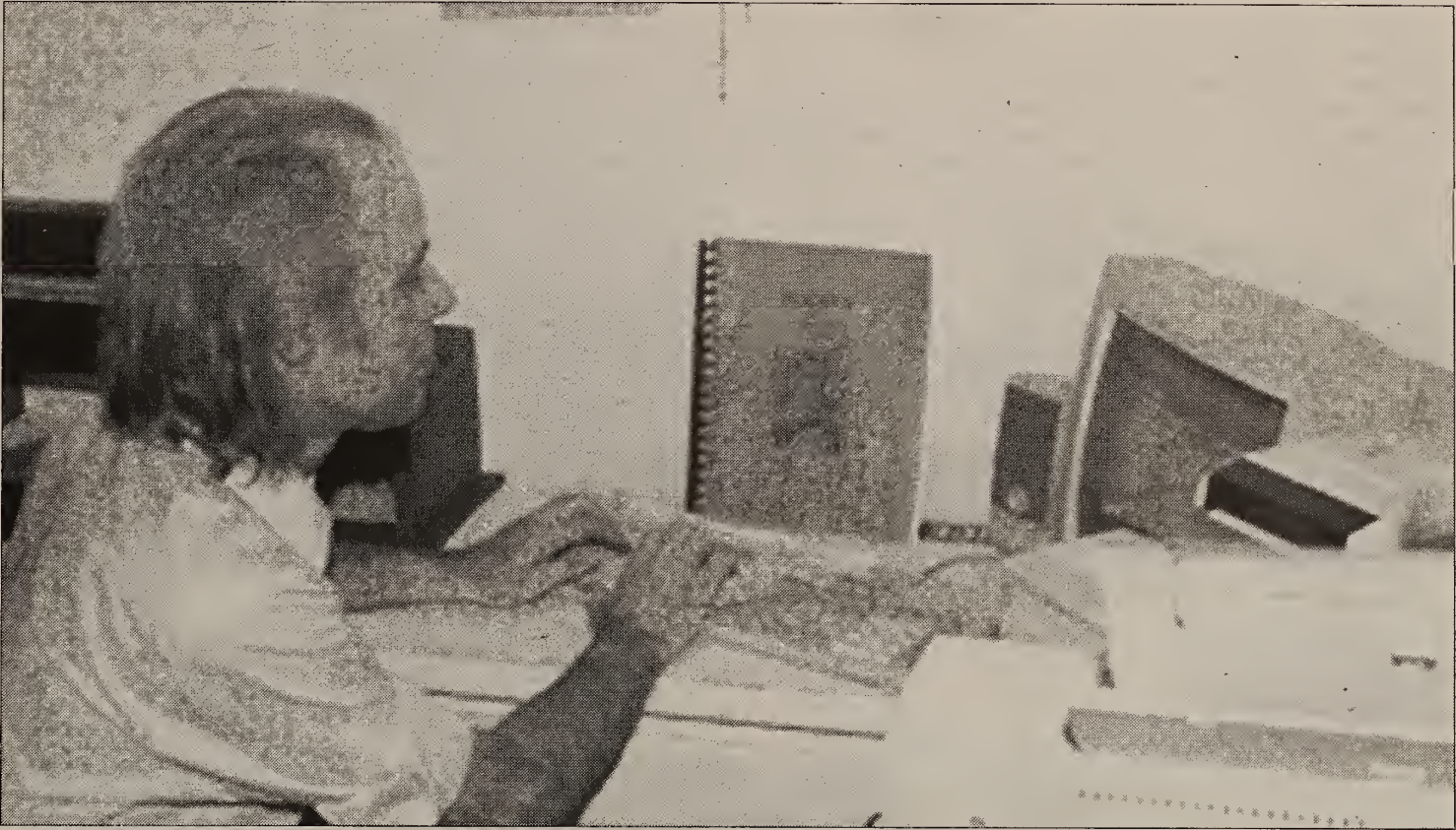
He also has a distant relative who played for the National Hockey League Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks in 1937.

It is also evident, through the numerous items of Montreal Canadiens memorabilia around his apartment, that this man is passionate about hockey.

The idea for the book came from a historical story that Wiebe wrote for his magazine writing class while enrolled in Conestoga's journalism program.

While researching the story, he saw an article in which hockey players were encouraged to lay down their sticks and take up arms against the Germans during the First World War.

"And I thought, 'hockey'. Being the fan I am, I looked into it and it led to more research and then the



Gary Wiebe, graduate of Conestoga College's print journalism program and author of Hockey in Berlin Ontario, sits at his computer where he put the book together page by page.
(Photo by Rob Himburg)

book."

Wiebe spent time at the library almost every day for two years researching the book.

"I was getting to know the people there on a first-name basis," said Wiebe. "I was obsessed with this project."

Unfortunately Wiebe has not found a publisher for the book.

"Nobody was interested, my publishers said that the market

was too small," said Wiebe who cannot afford the \$10,000 to print 1,000 copies.

"It has really been frustrating," he added.

Wiebe said he is not in it for the money, but he would like to recoup the cost of writing the book, such as photocopying.

"I'm not interested in making money," said Wiebe. "I'd just like to make back the 4,000 copies at

15 cents a piece for my costs."

Wiebe would consider writing another book on the hockey history of the whole district.

"There is some hockey history here," he said. "This is a hockey hotbed, always has been. People look at Montreal and Toronto, but this area should not take a back seat to them."

But Wiebe said he cannot continue with another book if he

loses money on this one.

The best part of the book for Wiebe is that it gives him a title.

"It's good to know, that on my epitaph, it will say that I was an author," he said.

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CKCO general manager joins board

By Melissa Dietrich

The vice-president and general manager of Baton Broadcasting's Kitchener television station CKCO has been appointed to the 16-member board of governors at Conestoga College.

Dennis Watson became a member of the board in early October last year after learning of the position from Conestoga president John Tibbits.

Watson said a call went out to people interested in serving on the board in September and he put forward his name. Tibbits called to notify him that the nomination

was being forwarded to the council of regents, the board that governs colleges.

About 30 days later he received a letter in the mail that said he had been accepted.

Watson said his decision to join the board comes from his belief that people should give back to the community.

"There is an old saying that the chain is only as strong as its weakest link and I think by returning to the community and helping the community, we have a better community," he said.

Watson said he has always been interested in the community

college system since he graduated from Seneca College in Toronto in 1972 with a degree in marketing administration.

"I am a fan and admirer of community colleges," said the father of three who has been married for 26 years.

Watson said he thinks Conestoga is an excellent college. It does a lot for the community and CKCO has employed several of its graduates.

Watson said he isn't sure what his responsibilities will be as he begins his three-year term as a member of the board of governors, but it will be a learning

experience.

"Within a few days of my acceptance, I received a large three-ring binder from the government that spells out all of the rules of operation and responsibilities," he said.

Watson said he believes his experience with community colleges will add to the board.

"Having graduated from a community college, taught at a community college and hired graduates from a community college, I think I can add an interesting perspective to the table to help plan for the future," he said.

After attending two meetings so far, Watson said he found it difficult to comment on what the board of governors' focus will be for 1999.

Watson, who has been in his current job at CKCO for 3 1/2

years, has had several jobs since graduating 25 years ago. He has worked with CHUM Group Television, the Television Bureau of Canada, Power Broadcasting Inc. and in his own consulting firm, Watson, Weis and Associates Inc. of Toronto.

Besides being a member of the board of governors for Conestoga, Watson is also chairing a subcommittee on communications and marketing for the college.

Watson also serves on the board of directors for the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors for the Better Business Bureau, the marketing-advisory committee for Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest and the marketing-advisory for the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Foundation.



Dennis Watson, vice-president and general manager of Baton Broadcasting's Kitchener television station CKCO, has been named to Conestoga's board of directors. (Photo by Melissa Dietrich)

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New co-ordinator for early childhood education program

Better training, education standards mandated

By Janet Wakutz

Conestoga's new early childhood education (ECE) program co-ordinator says she hopes to improve the quality of education for people entering her field.

"I want to develop policies and procedures for the program to try to ensure students are treated fairly and professionally," said Birdena Hamilton-Armitage, who says another one of her goals is to enhance the working relationship of their program with other areas of the college.

Appointed co-ordinator at the beginning of this semester, she is responsible for supervising nine student placements, providing academic leadership, reviewing and updating curriculum, faculty meetings, attending committees, student support, admissions and overall field placements while maintaining the quality of the program in a cost-effective manner.

In addition to her co-ordinator responsibilities, Hamilton

Armitage teaches two courses equaling nine hours per week, including a brand new alternative delivery course. Observing and Recording in Early Childhood Settings is an independent study course offered to students for the first time this semester. Students study on their own and meet with Hamilton-Armitage for a weekly, one-hour tutorial.

"It will take self-motivation and self-discipline for the students," she said.

Another area of interest, said Hamilton-Armitage, is the training of people to go into ECE.

She volunteers as chair of the Canadian Childcare Federation, an organization involved in national ECE training issues.

"We've developed a facilitated

self-study for colleges to enhance the quality of ECE programs," said Hamilton-Armitage, who has taught at the College in the ECE program since 1989. She is a facilitator for the childcare federation and has been involved

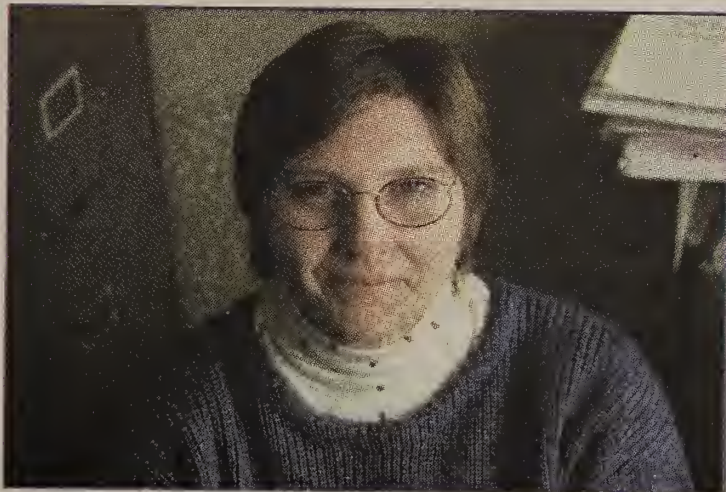
college in Alberta.

In her current role she doesn't have contact with children. The ECE students provide care for the children attending the daycare facility.

Hamilton-Armitage has always

"I want to develop policies and procedures for the program to ensure students are treated fairly and professionally."

*Birdena Hamilton-Armitage
ECE program co-ordinator*



Birdena Hamilton-Armitage has settled into her new office and position as the new ECE program co-ordinator.

(Photo by Janet Wakutz)

in promoting self-studies in other college ECE programs. Conestoga has not yet taken part in the program, which would require an impartial facilitator.

The married mother of two daughters started her career at nursery schools in Guelph. She has been involved in the childcare policy divisions of the provincial government in both Manitoba and Ontario and taught community

enjoyed teaching and children.

"I think that's what led me to go into ECE and that's what keeps me here."

She said she enjoys seeing students excited about learning and they usually are at this time of year when a new semester is beginning. She said she is gratified when students further their education and come back to share their successes.

A photo forum for Conestoga students

By Sarah Thomson

The journalism department created a photo wall to showcase the work of students in the program. The photo wall, started in the summer by journalism student Jason Gennings is a collage of black and white 8X10 photos located on the wall 4B15 and 4B16.

The wall features pictures ranging from accidents to portraits and artistic experimenting

"A lot of people are really quiet but have amazing work," said Gennings, who is now on work term at the Cambridge Reporter. The wall is a

collective representation of the journalism program and everyone is represented equally.

There are no names on the pictures, either on the front or back, and all the pictures are the same size.

Gennings found people were really co-operative in his experience looking after the wall. When approached on an individual basis to display their work, students were responsive, said Gennings.

This semester Janet Wakutz, fourth-semester journalism, is currently in charge of the wall, she intends to address first- and second-semester photography students to generate more interest for the wall and inform

them about the wall.

Not everyone has been co-operative though. The wall has been vandalized. "People are taking photos just to destroy the wall not because they like the pictures," said Gennings.

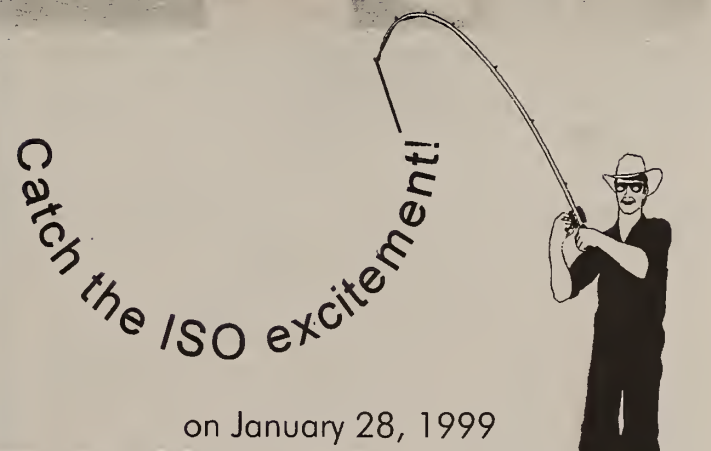
Photos submitted for the wall are reprints and are not returned to the photographer.

Submissions to the wall can be dropped off for Wakutz in the Spoke newsroom, 4B15. Pictures, to be displayed, should be 8X10 black and whites that are of publishable quality and content. Since the wall is a reflection of the journalism program, only journalism students are allowed to submit photos.



Brett Bickerton, second-year computer programmer analyst, looks at the photo wall.

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Condors' basketball is back



lan James, manager of athletics and recreation, praises the Condor men's basketball team for their excellent play on the court. (File photo)

By Brian Smiley

Although it might have seemed like the Condor's varsity team had joined the professionals on strike, any truth to those rumours are false.

The Conestoga College men's basketball team was just on a long layoff from scheduled games.

The Condor's last game was Nov. 24. They don't play again until Jan. 30.

Recapping the first half of the season, Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation, said the team has been quite successful, winning more games than they've lost.

The games they have lost have been by the narrowest of margins.

"They've done very well," he said. "They've played some of our OCAA league basketball colleges and have beaten those teams more than they had lost."

While the play of the team has impressed James, he is also happy with the coaching the team is receiving from Terry Upshaw, an instructor at the University of Guelph.

However, he would like to see an assistant step forward from within the college's community.

"I would sooner like to see an assistant, maybe part of the college environment."

While this squad is not a member of the OCAA men's basketball league this year, the team is looking forward to joining next year.

That decision hinges on a couple of things.

First of all, as a basketball program, the team needs to be partially funded.

James said fundraising is progressing well. Coach Upshaw and the team are raising money through the sale of Nevada tickets and by working at bingos.

Secondly, all basketball athletes must be full-time students, but only half the members of the team are. Other members of the team are part-time students who are trying to gain entrance into Conestoga.

"By about the end of February I will know who the athletes who are trying to enrol in Conestoga College are, so we can have an

equally competitive team and also how much money we'll need to raise by the time September rolls around," James said.

Currently about 90 per cent of OCAA schools participate in basketball. This high percentage means that it is a true championship format, where most of the top basketball players in the province are able to play against each other, James said.

He was also quick to point out that the sport itself recruits good students to colleges and that the community is being served when the college has a basketball program in which local kids can participate.

"It helps recruit students to the college," James said. "We have a lot of really good basketball players coming out of high schools in the Tri-City area, and they're going to all these other colleges because we don't have basketball."

The Condor's next home game tips off at 4 p.m. on Jan. 30 against Redeemer College at the recreation centre. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for others.

Think about the kids, players

Baseball, football, hockey and now basketball have all experienced work stoppages with the same result. The games, after all has been said and done, went on.

Professional sports has been ignoring one common element in all their strikes and lockouts: the fan.

None of the participants involved in the boardroom dealings seem to care that Joe and Jane Fan have to explain, if they can understand it themselves, to their kids why these games aren't being played.

These professional big-wigs don't get it! And they probably never will.

It isn't going to matter who gets the best deal when the next round of collective bargaining comes along in any of the major sports. If the leagues keep treating their fans, especially the children, as second-class citizens, there will come a time when they'll have no money to argue over.

Try explaining to a kid why basketball players needed a minimum salary of almost \$300,000. Most young children can't even comprehend \$5.

Maybe explaining to children that NBA owners were still collecting a cheque for a \$465 million national television contract, even though a single game wasn't seen on television, will help them understand why the owners were in such a good

bargaining position to literally hold up the season.

Then again, try telling the youth that the players needed to be locked out so that the owners could ensure that the players aren't taking steroids and using marijuana.

Or maybe they'll understand that the owners were just trying to teach all those greedy players a lesson about who actually runs the show in "their family."

The youth of this generation is the consumer of the future. More than likely, the interests that a youth picks up will carry over into adulthood. If children lose interest in something, which as everyone knows is as common as catching a cold, they'll find another hobby.

This is what players and management don't understand.

Sure, spending and salaries have ballooned out of control, but the children who follow these sports can't be blamed and shouldn't be punished. They don't understand much about sport's economics.

The only ones to blame are the purse-wielding owners, who try to outspend each other, and the money hungry players, who try to out-earn each other.

When the final act plays itself out and there are no fans at the stadiums watching the games or buying the merchandise, there will be only one question left to answer.

Will the owners and players realize the fans aren't there?



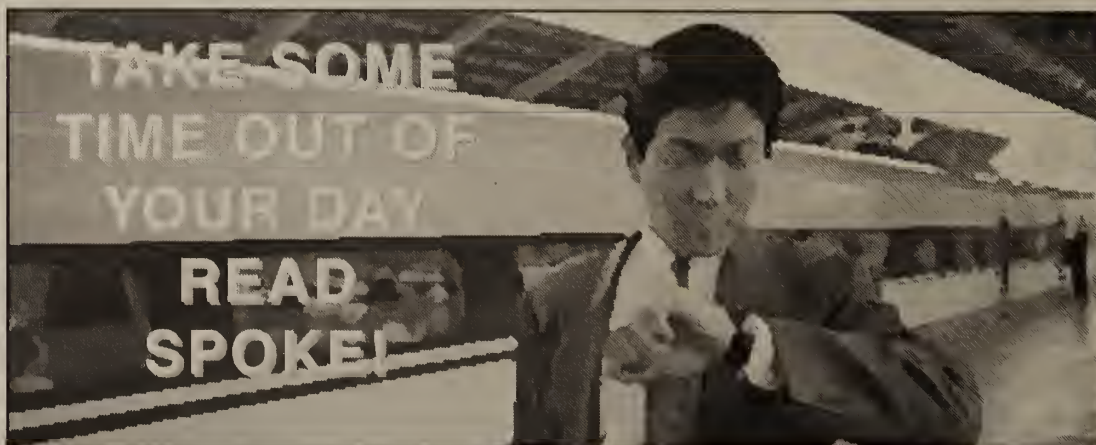
Brian Smiley

CATCHING A SNOWBOARDING GROOVE



Paul Britman, a graphics design student, flies over a ramp Jan. 10. Rodeway Suites residents have been taking full advantage of the snow-covered hill across the street for activities like sledding and snowboarding.

Photo by Elizabeth Sackrider



Surrendering the top

Loss lands Condors in second



Alumni goalkeeper Marlene Ford makes a save after Condor Angela Papazotos takes a shot on net. The Condors lost the game 4-1.

(Photo by Jeanette Everall)

By Jeanette Everall

Unable to hold onto first place, the Condors women's indoor soccer team surrendered the top spot to Alumni in an emotionally charged game on Jan. 5. Alumni defeated the Condors 4-1, but the fans seemed more preoccupied with shouting their displeasure at the referee than the final score.

"I felt the refereeing was bizarre," said Condors' coach Geoff Johnstone. "There were so many calls that went one way."

Alumni coach Marlene Ford said it looked one-sided, but it was the way Alumni was playing. "Alumni jockeyed for the ball and used less body contact," she said.

Strong and aggressive, the Alumni team dominated the first half of the game, keeping the action in the Condors' end. Alumni's Amy Yeowell started off

the scoring action with her first goal midway through the first half. Three minutes later, teammate Kerri Walker followed suit with another goal.

Alumni's third goal was scored by Amy Olson when Condors' goalkeeper Stephanie Den Haan made a play out of the net, leaving it open for Olson's shot.

Angela Papazotos scored the Condors' lone goal late in the second half, only to be countered by Amy Yeowell's second goal of the night.

Missing three of their best goal scorers, the Condors had their work cut out for them in Tuesday's game.

"It was a tough game," said Johnstone. "We didn't play great, but I wasn't displeased with the team's performance."

The Condors next game will be against the Nights on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

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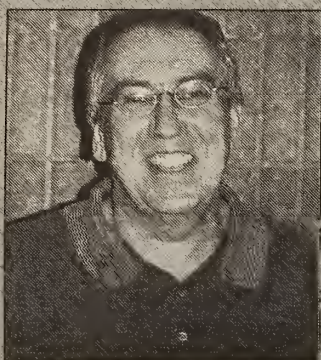
Condors gain new defender for men's team

By Charles Kuepfer

Try-outs signified the beginning of the winter semester for the men's varsity indoor soccer team, as they sought to address some defensive problems.

John Callaghan, an experienced defender who was ineligible for the outdoor soccer team, was the only addition made. But coach Geoff Johnstone is confident that Callaghan's presence will make a difference.

"We have some problems playing defence effectively," said Johnstone. "Adding Callaghan should help that."



Condors coach Geoff Johnstone.
(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)

With the addition of Callaghan, the team gains some much needed depth in the back field. Up front, the team hasn't had any problems scoring.

"We fill nets with balls," said Johnstone.

It's keeping the ball out of their own net that has concerned Johnstone. He noted that keeper Bill Johnson has struggled.

"He couldn't get his head into being indoors at first," Johnstone said.

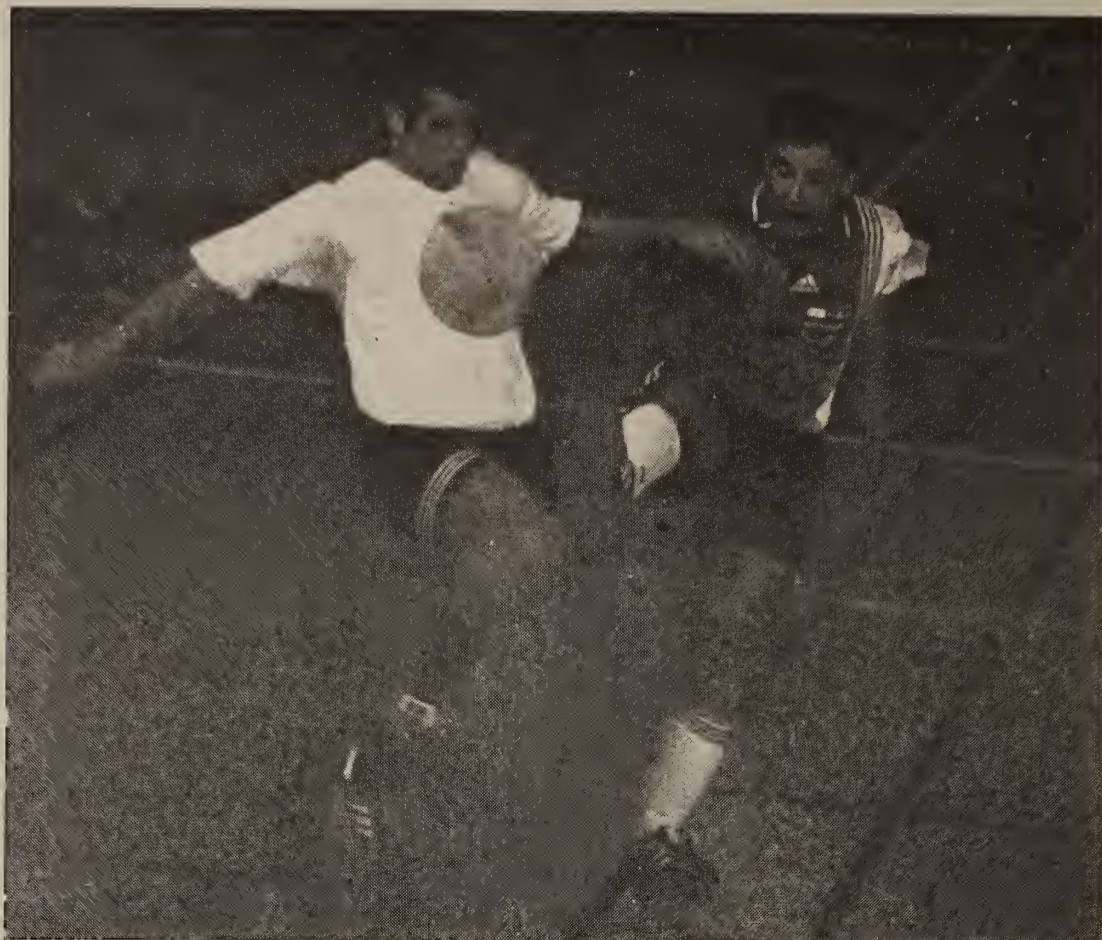
The men's varsity indoor soccer team's season consists of a series of tournaments. They are followed by a regional qualifying tournament at George Brown College in March.

Although there are 14 teams that qualify, Johnstone said his team is very clearly a medal candidate.

"I don't see any reason whatever that they shouldn't be."

The Condors will see their first tournament action in Kingston on Feb. 8.

Johnstone said only a couple of guys came to the try-outs. The current team is composed mostly of players who played for the outdoor team, he said.



Condor John Callaghan, left, battles for the ball with an unidentified Europa Stars' player on Jan. 7 at the recreation centre.
(Photo by Lindsay Gibson)

Conestoga lineup shuffle aids in win

By Lindsay Gibson

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but try telling Shawn Samuels that.

Conestoga's Samuels, who plays defence on the men's indoor soccer Division 1 team, was moved to forward Thursday, Jan. 7, and he scored three of the

four Condor goals to lead his team to a 4-2 victory over the Europa Stars.

At halftime, the Stars were leading 2-1. The Condors, however, really pulled together and moved the ball around scoring three goals in the second half.

It's too bad though, that no one was there to see it.

The pathetically small crowd was less than enthusiastic about the game, offering little cheering and encouragement.

The energy coming from the Condor bench, on the other hand, was high and a lot of screaming was heard, especially from coach Geoff Johnstone, who said he believes in screaming instruction to his players not abuse.

Johnstone said he was pleased with the team's performance as they were short five players, including three off on suspension. One was out for X-rays and another couldn't make it.

"I was really pleased," he said, "and we may consider moving Shawn to forward permanently

after his performance."

Conestoga's John Callaghan scored a single for the Condors while Condors goalie Bill Johnson had an amazing game in net, taking one ball in the face for a quick save.

The entire Condor team played well and worked together, even though several players were moved around because of the shortage of players.

Zack Lakosecjak was a key mover, using his fancy footwork to move the ball around, and the defence worked hard, keeping the ball away from the Condor net.

The ball spent a large percentage of time at the Europa end as the Condors fought hard against the Stars players.

The Condors were vocal with one another throughout the game making the team appear cohesive.

Netting goals for the Stars were Ritchie Antolic and Anthony Perie.

Condors' men's indoor soccer action can be seen every Thursday night at the recreation centre.

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Out of Sight worth a second look

By Ken Groulx

Given the cool critical and commercial reception of George Clooney's forays into major motion pictures (*The Peacemaker*, *One Fine Day*), it appears his film career is at a perplexing crossroads.

His role on television's *ER* has catapulted him from relative obscurity to mega-hunk status, yet the actor has been unable to parlay the success of his number one TV show into box-office clout.

Out of Sight is a delectable cocktail of action, romance and subdued humour that deserves a second look on home video if you passed it over this summer.

While the disappointing box-office returns of Clooney's latest vehicle, *Out of Sight*, indicate film audiences still aren't ready to embrace Clooney in anything other than his blood-stained robe in *ER*, but *Out of Sight* is a delectable cocktail of action, romance and subdued

humour that deserves a second look on home video if you passed it over this summer.

Adapted from the novel by Elmore Leonard and produced by the same team who worked with director Quentin Tarantino on *Pulp Fiction*, (Danny DeVito, Michael Shamberg, Stacey Sher), *Out of Sight* revisits a similar glossy, violent formula but injects a smouldering sexual trump card to the deck.

Director Steven Soderbergh, who explored similar erotically charged and character driven themes in *Sex, Lies and Videotape*, understands Leonard's subject matter and treads evenly between romance and action without parking too long in either genre.

While Soderbergh's vibrant direction is sparked by the same deft use of editing, non-linear narrative and flashbacks that made *Pulp Fiction* crackle with such originality, *Out of Sight* is peppered with the sort of quippy, rapid-fire dialogue sorely lacking in Tarantino's tedious recent effort, *Jackie Brown*.

Typical of the characters that inhabit Leonard's novels, the film revolves around perpetual schemer and lifelong bank robber Jack Foley, stoically portrayed by a newly grayed and grizzled Clooney in an intriguingly subtle performance.

Following a botched robbery attempt that lands him in a



(Internet photo)

Florida prison, Foley begins plotting a diamond heist from a Wallstreet stockbroker he served time with.

Things become complicated, however, as Foley finds himself increasingly attracted to a female federal marshal (Jennifer Lopez) he and his partner, played by the

terrific Ving Rhames (*Rosewood*) have kidnapped during his jailbreak.

Locked in the trunk of a getaway car following Foley's breakout, the two immediately bond in a quasi-bedroom scene.

The chemistry is evident as Clooney spoons and strokes the

receptive Lopez, prompting him to ask, "Under different circumstances, do you think me and you...?" Her sarcastic reply that "the idea of going after guys like you appeals to me," belies the real undercurrent of sexual nuance between them when she is later commissioned to track him down.

Even after she escapes, she finds herself fantasizing about a bathtub romp with Foley, while he roots through her wallet to determine which photo could possibly be her boyfriend.

Interludes aside, things get bloody for Clooney as another vicious con, played by the versatile Don Cheadle (*Boogie Nights*), crashes his diamond robbery.

Given the body of talent involved with *Sight*, it's curious why the film didn't attract a larger audience.

Director Soderbergh is within his element and uncredited cameos from Michael Keaton as Lopez's part-time FBI boyfriend and Samuel L. Jackson as a convict enhance the strong ensemble cast.

Alas, *Out of Sight* is too light to match the best films of its genre, but the movie is seasoned with wit and noir into the sort of dizzyingly intricate storytelling Hollywood should stand up and take more notice of.

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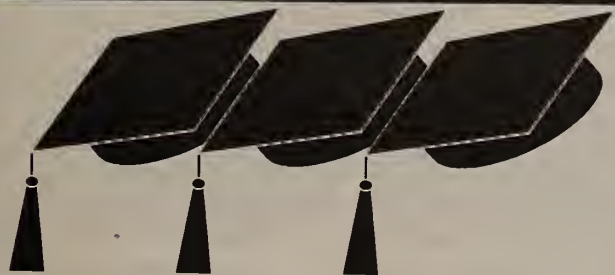
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Movie Review

Awakenings with a Patch of comedy

By Brent Clouthier

Patch Adams, starring Robin Williams, is one of those quiet, unassuming movies that leaves you feeling like you've discovered a small gem. You didn't really know it was there, but you're quite happy you found it.

Patch Adams is based on the true story of Hunter "Patch" Adams, a man with a gift to comfort the sick through laughter and life fulfillment.

Entering medical school relatively late in his life, Adams runs afoul of the medical dean due to his belief that doctors shouldn't be god-like, untouchable people who dole out compassionless treatments.

Rather, a doctor should be someone with a heart and a smile.

Robin Williams, in the title role of "Patch" Adams, once again proves his worth as a dramatic actor, well-deserving of last year's Academy award.

After many trials and tribulations, Adams graduates and eventually opens his own free clinic.

Adams is constructing a new medical centre, the Gesundheit Institute and over 1,000 doctors have offered their services to the hospital.

The plot may be skimpy and formulaic and some of the characters a little too heavy, (i.e. the medical dean and Adams' egomaniacal roommate), but the film is very rewarding for audiences who don't rely on car chases and explosions for entertainment.

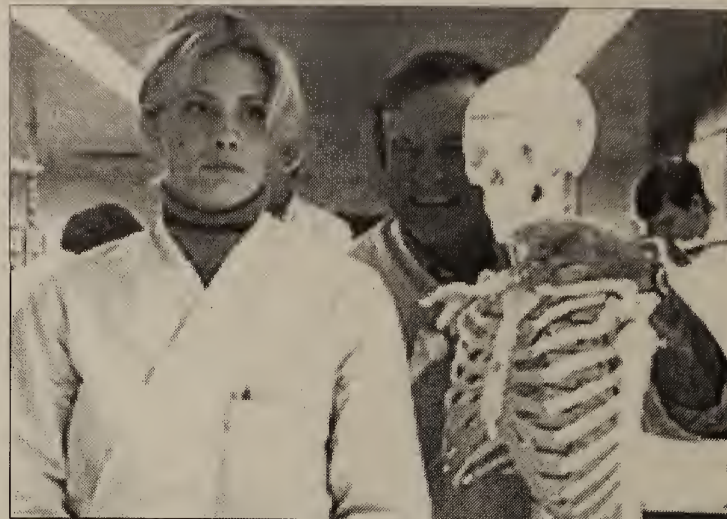
Patch Adams is very similar to *Awakenings*, also with Williams, in that it is not so much the story that is of interest but the people involved.

Robin Williams, in the title role of "Patch" Adams, once again proves his worth as a dramatic actor, well-deserving of last year's Academy award.

In portraying the offbeat behaviour of Adams, Williams is allowed to flex his sizeable comedic talent in his usual, off-the-wall manner.

His demeanour this time around, however, is a touch more restrained, although the ads for the film promote it as a gag-a-minute laughfest. There are a few fun moments in the film with Williams at his maniacal best, but it is in the film's quieter moments, however, that Williams really shines.

His uncanny talent of creating warm, slightly damaged



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characters audiences want to embrace, is used to its full potential.

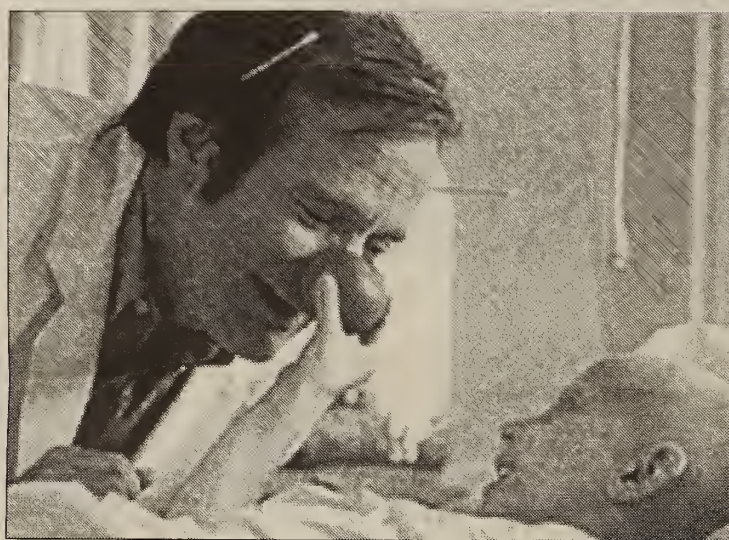
Williams' unabashed style bares the soul of Adams through plain honesty, painting a picture of a man whose only goal in life is to ease the suffering of others. He leaves the audience wondering why anybody in their right mind would despise him.

Patch Adams is, at times, a very sad and tragic film, but most of the film's touching, tender

moments come with only a simple smile or a subtle expression from Williams. He elicits tears, not just with words or glances, but with his entire character.

As with his wonderful portrayal of Dr. Oliver Sacks in *Awakenings*, Williams manages to instill in Adams a fragile humanity that reassures audiences with the thought that there are still a few human beings left in the medical profession.

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CD review

Faculty soundtrack gets the grade

By Eileen Diniz

Columbia Records/ Sony Records has put together a fantastic soundtrack for the new Dimension Films sci-fi teen thriller, *The Faculty*.

This late-season fright film presents youth-gone-wild heroes and alien instructors who have something more lethal in mind than detention.

The soundtrack, released Dec. 22 last year, is compiled using some of today's biggest acts and some up-and-coming hard-hitting groups.

It seems the dozen acts on the album were just itching to record some cool, teen-angst tunes, either an original or a classic rock cover.

The most striking cut is both parts of *Another Brick in the Wall*, by Class of '99, an alt-rock super-group fronted by Alice in Chains' Layne Staley.

The rest of the band includes Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello, former Janes Addiction drummer Stephen Perkins and Porno for Pyros' Martyn Le Noble on bass.

Their version of *Another Brick in the Wall*, is even darker and moodier than the original by Pink Floyd. The industrial underpinning makes the already timeless tune sound a bit more '90s.

The recording of *The Wall* marks the first time Pink Floyd has sanctioned a remake of their song for a motion picture.

The *Faculty* also features other new interpretations of adolescent rock and roll anthems including, Shawn Mullins' cover of David Bowie's *Changes*, Soul Asylum's

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take on Alice Cooper's *School's Out*, and Creeds' rendition of Alice Cooper's *I'm Eighteen*.

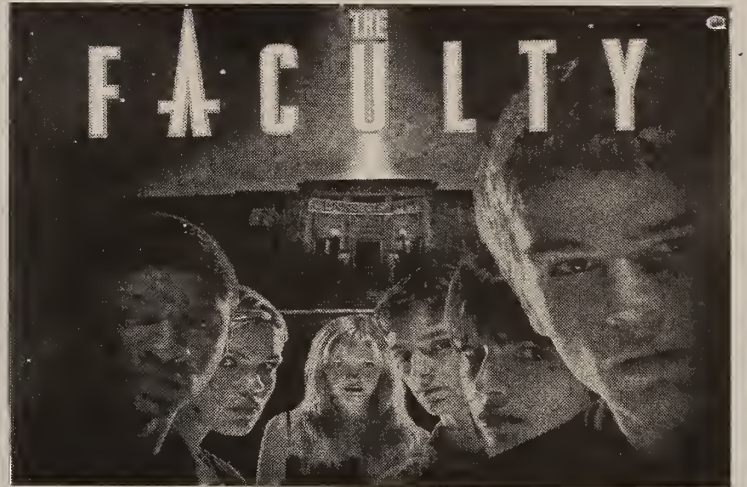
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Tracks include *Stay Young* by Oasis, *the Kids Aren't all Right* by the Offspring, *Resuscitation* by

Sheryl Crow, *Medication* by Garbage, *Haunting Me* by Stabbing Westward, *It's Over Now* by Neve and *Helpless* by D Generation.

Overall the *Faculty* soundtrack is definitely a winner and gets the grade.


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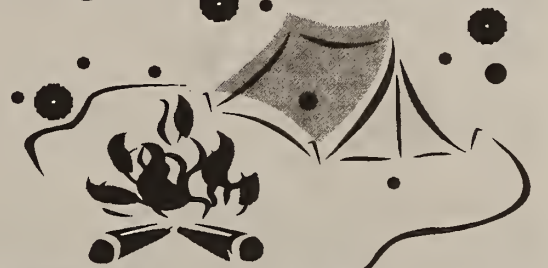

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